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In the absence of the President, Mr. Thompson (Fiji), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK: REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL SUB-ITEM SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/45/239)

The PRESIDENT: In his Note in document A/45/239 the Secretary-General reminds members that by its resolution 42/108, of 7 December 1987, the General Assembly decided to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 1989, and that by its decision 44/312, of 20 November 1989, on the proposal of the Secretary-General contained in document A/44/247 it elected Mr. Thorvald Stoltenberg as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1990.

In his Note the Secretary-General informs the Assembly that on 2 November 1990 he accepted with regret Mr. Stoltenberg's decision to resign, with immediate effect, from the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Secretary-General also informs members that, in the light of the foregoing, the General Assembly is requested to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session, under item 16 - "Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs" - a new sub-item entitled "Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees", and also to amend the title of agenda item 16 to read "Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections".

The Secretary-General further informs the General Assembly that, in conformity with the procedure established by paragraph 13 of the statute of the Office of the

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United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, he proposes to the General Assembly that it elect Mrs. Sadako Ogata of Japan as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of three years beginning on 1 January 1991.

If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the General Assembly agrees to waive rule 40 of the rules of procedure, which requires consideration and recommendation by the General Committee with respect to requests for the inclusion of additional items in the agenda.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: May I take it also that the Assembly wishes to include, under agenda item 16, the following sub-item: "(d) Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees", and to amend the title of agenda item 16 to read "Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections"?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: May I further take it that the Assembly wishes to consider this sub-item directly in plenary meeting?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I should like to inform members that the Assembly will take up sub-item (d) of agenda item 16 this afternoon as the first item.

AGENDA ITEM 108 (continued)

INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING:

(a) REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/45/764, draft resolution V)

(b) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/45/893)

The PRESIDENT: Members will recall that the Assembly, at its 69th plenary meeting, on 18 December, took action on four of the five draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in its report on agenda item 108 (A/45/764) and postponed action on draft resolution V, entitled "Enhancement of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control", in order to give the Fifth Committee time to review the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution V, which is recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 38 of its report (A/45/764). The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications is contained in document A/45/893.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution V. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 45/179).

Miss DIEGUEZ ARMAS (Mexico) (interpretation from Spanish): I informed the Secretariat earlier that there was a slight mistake in operative paragraph 8 of this resolution. It refers to the thirty-fifth regular session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs whereas it should refer to the thirty-fourth.

The PRESIDENT: The comment of the representative of Mexico has been noted and appropriate action will be taken.

We have thus concluded our consideration of agenda item 108.

AGENDA ITEM 12 (continued)

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL: REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (Part I) (A/45/838, DRAFT RESOLUTION IV)

The PRESIDENT: Members will recall that the Assembly, at its 69th plenary meeting, on 18 December, took action on 23 of the 24 draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in part I of its report on agenda item 12 (A/45/838) and postponed action on draft resolution IV, entitled "Developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights", in order to give the Fifth Committee time to review the programme budget implications of the draft resolution. However, we have been informed that this draft resolution has no programme budget implications and that therefore there is no report of the Fifth Committee in this respect.

On the other hand, I should like to point out that other matters relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights will be taken up in connection with the Assembly's consideration of agenda item 118, entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991".

The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution IV, which is recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 109 of part I of its report (A/45/838). The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 45/180).

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of the report of the Economic and Social Council allocated to the Third Committee under agenda item 12 and of all the reports of that Committee.

AGENDA ITEMS 12 (continued), 79 (continued), 80 TO 83, 84 (continued), 85 TO 87, AND 148

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL:

(a) REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Parts I and II) (A/45/848 and Add.1)

(b) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/45/819)

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION:

(a) REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Parts I and II) (A/45/849 and Add.1)

(b) INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE FOURTH UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE (1991-2000): REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part III) (A/45/849/Add.2)

(c) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part IV) (A/45/849/Add.3)

(d) REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL NEW PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE 1980s FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES:

(i) REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part V) (A/45/849/Add.4)

(ii) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/45/872)

(e) FOOD PROBLEMS: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part VI) (A/45/849/Add.5)

(f) NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY:

(i) REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part VII) (A/45/849/Add.6)

(ii) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/45/873)

(g) DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENERGY RESOURCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part VIII) (A/45/849/Add.7)

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/45/850)

PROTECTION OF GLOBAL CLIMATE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MANKIND:

(a) REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/45/851)

(b) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/45/874)

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/45/852)

EXTERNAL DEBT CRISIS AND DEVELOPMENT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/45/853)

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/45/854)

TRAINING AND RESEARCH: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/45/855)

SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE:

(a) REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/45/856)

(b) DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/45/L.44)

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ECONOMIC REHABILITATION OF ANGOLA: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/45/857)

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITMENTS AND POLICIES FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION AGREED UPON IN THE DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THE REVITALIZATION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/45/858)

The PRESIDENT: I call on the Rapporteur of the Second Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski of Poland, to introduce the report of that Committee on agenda items 12, 79 to 87 and 148.

Mr. RYSINSKI (Poland), Rapporteur of the Second Committee: I have the honour to present the following reports of the Second Committee.

Document A/45/848 contains the report on agenda item 12, entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council". In paragraphs 67 and 68, respectively, thereof, the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of 10 draft resolutions and three draft decisions. Draft resolutions I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, IX and X and draft decisions I to III were adopted by the Committee without a vote. Draft resolutions III and VIII were adopted by a recorded vote.

Addendum 1 to document A/45/849, under agenda item 79, entitled "Development and international economic co-operation", in its paragraphs 42 and 43 respectively, contains eight draft resolutions and one draft decision, which the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption. The Second Committee adopted all these draft proposals without a vote.

Addendum 2 to document A/45/849, under agenda item 79 (a), entitled "Development and international economic co-operation: International Development

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Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Decade (1991-2000)", in its paragraphs 6 and 7, respectively, contains one draft resolution and one draft decision, which the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption. The Second Committee adopted both draft proposals without a vote.

Addendum 3 to document A/45/849, under agenda item 79 (b), entitled "Development and international economic co-operation: Trade and development", in its paragraphs 27 and 28, respectively, contains six draft resolutions and one draft decision, which the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption. The Committee adopted all seven draft proposals without a vote.

(Mr. Rysinski, Rapporteur, Second Committee)

Document A/45/849/Add.4 contains the report on agenda item 79 (c), entitled "Development and international economic co-operation: Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries". In paragraph 9 thereof the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of one draft resolution, which the Committee adopted without a vote.

Document A/45/849/Add.5, under agenda item 79 (d), entitled "Development and international economic co-operation: Food problems", in its paragraphs 12 and 13, respectively, contains one draft resolution and one draft decision, which the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption. The Committee adopted both drafts without a vote.

Document A/45/849/Add.6, under agenda item 79 (e), entitled "Development and international economic co-operation: New and renewable sources of energy", in its paragraph 6 contains one draft resolution, which the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption. The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote.

Document A/45/849/Add.7, under agenda item 79 (f), entitled "Development and international economic co-operation: Development of the energy resources of developing countries", in its paragraph 7 contains one draft resolution, which the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption. The Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote.

Document A/45/850 contains the report on agenda item 80, entitled "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development". In paragraph 13 thereof the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of two draft resolutions, which the Committee adopted without a vote.

(Mr. Rysinski, Rapporteur, Second Committee)

The report on agenda item 81, entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind", is contained in document A/45/851. In paragraphs 13 and 14, respectively, of the report the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of one draft resolution and one draft decision, both of which the Committee adopted without a vote.

The report on agenda item 82, entitled "International co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries", is contained in document A/45/852. In paragraphs 10 and 11, respectively, of the report the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of one draft resolution and one draft decision, both of which the Committee adopted without a vote.

I now have the honour to present the report of the Second Committee contained in document A/45/853, under agenda item 83, entitled "External debt crisis and development". In its paragraphs 16 and 17, respectively, the report contains one draft resolution and one draft decision, which the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption. The Committee adopted both drafts without a vote.

Document A/45/854 contains the report on agenda item 84, entitled "Operational activities for development". In paragraphs 27 and 28, respectively, of the report the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of four draft resolutions and two draft decisions, all of which the Committee adopted without a vote.

Document A/45/855 contains the report of the Second Committee under agenda item 85, entitled "Training and research". In its paragraph 14 the report contains two draft resolutions, which the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption. The Committee adopted both draft resolutions without a vote.

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Document A/45/856 contains the report of the Second Committee under agenda item 86, entitled "Special economic and disaster relief assistance". In this document the following corrections should be made to paragraph 2: In the third line, insert a comma after "51st" and insert the words "and 54th" after "52nd"; in the fourth line, the date "14 December" should be replaced by "11 December"; finally, in the sixth line, summary record A/C.2/45/SR.54 should also be included.

In its paragraph 75 this report contains 12 draft resolutions, which the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption. The Committee adopted all 12 draft resolutions without a vote. With regard to draft resolution I, entitled "Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator", there is a small editorial error in the English text, which needs to be corrected. The last phrase of paragraph 2 of this draft resolution, as adopted by consensus during the informal consultations, should read as follows: "which should address, inter alia, the implementation of General Assembly decision 42/433 of 11 December 1987 and the strengthening of arrangements for the response to complex emergencies". Thus, in the last line of the paragraph "by the United Nations" should be deleted and "strengthen" should be replaced by "the strengthening of". I request the Assembly to take note of these corrections, and request the Secretariat to ensure that all the language versions are consistent with the text I have just read out.

Document A/45/857 contains the report of the Second Committee under agenda item 87, entitled "International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola". In its paragraph 10 the report contains one draft resolution, which the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption. In the Committee this draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

(Mr. Rysinski, Rapporteur, Second Committee)

Finally, I have the honour to present the report of the Second Committee contained in document A/45/858, under agenda item 148, entitled "Implementation of the commitments and policies for international development co-operation agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries". In its paragraph 9 the report contains one draft resolution, which the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption. The Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote.

After all these statistics and data, I turn now to the human factor, which has made the Committee's work a singular undertaking. I should like, therefore, to take this opportunity to pay a tribute to the efforts and team spirit of all the members of the Committee, all the representatives of the Secretariat, all the unsung heroes of the session. I should like to pay homage to the spirit of innovation of our Chairman, Mr. Papadatos, the efficiency and determination of the Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Amaziani and Mr. Gianelli, the resolution and inventiveness of the co-ordinators at informal and formal meetings, including Mr. Borg Olivier and Mr. Umer. This list could and should be longer, but time is passing swiftly. With all due respect, I therefore submit these reports, with all my thanks to everyone.

The PRESIDENT: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee that are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

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The positions of delegations regarding the various recommendations of the Second Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

I should like to remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that

> "When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee." (decision 34/401, para. 7)

I remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Second Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed with the voting in the same manner as was done in the Second Committee. This means that where recorded votes were taken, we shall do the same. I would also hope that we may proceed to take action without a vote on those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Second Committee, unless delegations have already notified the Secretariat to the contrary.

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I invite members to turn their attention to parts I and II of the report of the Second Committee (A/45/848 and Add.1) on agenda item 12; those parts concern the report of the Economic and Social Council.

The Assembly has before it 10 draft resolutions and three draft decisions contained in part I of the report of the Second Committee and one draft decision contained in part II of that report.

We turn first to part I of the report of the Second Committee (A/45/848). The Assembly will first take a decision on the 10 draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 67.

Draft resolution I is entitled "International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 45/181).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with ministerial participation". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 45/182).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III is entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea,

Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Draft resolution III was adopted by 135 votes to 2 (resolution 45/183).*

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Co-operation in fisheries in Africa". The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 45/184).

Mr. AMAZIANE (Morocco) (interpretation from French): I do not wish to delay the Assembly's work. For the information of delegations, however, I should like to note that the conference referred to in operative paragraph 4 of the resolution we have just adopted will be held in Senegal.

The PRESIDENT: The comment of the representative of Morocco has been noted.

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* Subsequently, the delegations of Benin, Grenada, Guatemala, Kenya, Luxembourg, Nicaragua, Panama, Papua New Guinea and Qatar advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.

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Draft resolution V is entitled "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction". The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do so also?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 45/185).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VI is entitled "Code of conduct on transnational corporations". The Second Committee adopted draft resolution VI without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 45/186).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VII is entitled "Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)". The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft resolution VII was adopted (resolution 45/187).

The PRESIDENT: We now turn to draft resolution VIII, "Entrepreneurship." A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru,

Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Cuba

Draft resolution VIII was adopted by 138 votes to 1 (resolution 45/188).*

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IX is entitled "World Decade for Cultural Development". The draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IX was adopted (resolution 45/189).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution X is entitled "International co-operation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant". The draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do so also?

Draft resolution X was adopted (resolution 45/190).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now turn to the three draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 68 of part I of its report (A/45/848).

Draft decision I is entitled "Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social

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* Subsequently, the delegations of Benin, Israel, Kenya, Luxembourg, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Thailand and Vanuatu advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.

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sectors of the United Nations system". The Second Committee adopted draft decision I without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: Draft decision II is entitled "Inclusion of Liberia in the list of least developed countries". The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of this draft decision is contained in document A/45/819.

Draft decision II was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: Draft decision III is entitled "Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council". The Second Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt this draft decision. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do so?

Draft decision III was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: I now invite representatives to turn to the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 4 of part II of its report (A/45/848/Add.1). The draft decision is entitled "Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1991-1992". The Second Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt it. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do so?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of the report of the Economic and Social Council allocated to the Second Committee under agenda item 12.

We turn next to parts I and II of the report of the Second Committee (A/45/849 and Add.1) on agenda item 79, "Development and international economic co-operation".

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We shall first consider part I of the report.

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of part I of the report of the Second Committee (A/45/849)?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We now turn to part II of the report of the Second Committee (A/45/849/Add.1). It contains eight draft resolutions and one draft decision.

We shall first take decisions on the eight draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 42 of part II of its report (A/45/849/Add.1).

Draft resolution I, entitled "Developing human resources for development," was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 45/191).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 45/192).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III is entitled "The unification of Yemen: support of the international community for its economic and social infrastructure". The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 45/193).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Economic stabilization programmes in developing countries". The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 45/194).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution V, which is entitled "Report of the South Commission", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 45/195).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VI is entitled "Industrial development co-operation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do so also?

Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 45/196).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VII is entitled "Large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's

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oceans and seas". The Second Committee adopted draft resolution VII without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VII was adopted (resolution 45/197).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VIII is entitled "Inclusion of Namibia in the list of least developed countries". The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VIII was adopted (resolution 45/198).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now take action on the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 43 of part II of its report (A/45/849/Add.1). The Second Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt this draft decision, entitled "International conference on money and finance for development". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do so?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: I shall now call on those representatives who wish to explain their positions.

Mr. MARKS (United States of America): We are here today to review the work done on the International Development Strategy for the 1990s. The document we are considering is complicated, which is appropriate since it deals with an enormous range of subjects touching the interests of all our countries in various ways.

It is important to note that the International Development Strategy does not stand alone: it represents one step in the process of considering economic development in the world. It is structured along the lines of the Declaration on international economic co-operation adopted by the Assembly at its eighteenth special session. That Declaration represents an important new step forward in the

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way we all look at economic development. Since April 1990 we have continued to see a convergence of views on the need for sound macroeconomic policies, enhanced competition and greater flexibility, innovation and openness.

The International Development Strategy contains useful observations about national policies and national responsibility, about the role of the market, about human rights, about political and economic pluralism and about other important points.

My delegation is also sensitive to the need for a supportive international environment and believes that the developed countries do have a special responsibility in this regard. Nevertheless, the development strategy, we believe, is slightly unbalanced regarding the responsibilities of the developing countries. This tendency in the text conveys a tone characteristic of previous, unfulfilled strategies, and it concerns my delegation. One way to have tempered this would have been through a more thorough historical analysis of key elements in the international economy, such as the destabilizing effect of increased oil prices, the lack of developing-country growth despite the massive transfers of resources to developing countries in earlier years and the riddle of why some developing countries prospered in the economic environment of the 1980s while others did not. Also characteristic of previous, failed strategies is the setting of targeted, numerical goals for economic growth, agricultural production, aid transfers and industrialization. In joining the consensus on the International Development Strategy, the United States does not commit itself to these arbitrary goals, nor will it support increases in international-organization budgets beyond those necessary to maintain zero real growth.

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We have joined the consensus as an expression of our desire for global harmony and our support for the aspirations of the developing world. However, given the breadth of the International Development Strategy document, compromise was necessary if consensus was to be achieved. The process of compromise inevitably means that Governments retain differing positions on matters important to them. It is in this light that I wish to take a moment to clarify a number of points in the text of the development strategy.

The United States recognizes the opportunity that the International Development Strategy brings to broaden the consensus on current policies and the progress of the strengthened debt strategy. The International Development Strategy, in its treatment of multifaceted issues, itself demonstrates that debt is only one aspect of the economic and financial problems currently faced by many developing countries. The external debt problems of the developing countries require a growth-oriented approach that addresses overall economic and financial problems. The approach must be pursued on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the particular circumstances of each country. The most important step in addressing debt problems is the adoption of appropriate domestic economic policies. Without strong adjustment, no amount of debt relief can restore growth.

The United States does not agree with the statement in paragraph 28 of the International Development Strategy that special action by creditor countries to facilitate debt and debt service reduction by commercial banks is necessary. Rather, experience has demonstrated that such actions can be carried out under current tax, regulatory and accounting régimes.

As we have stated before, the United States considers that debt issues are appropriately handled in the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Paris Club. We must be careful not to impinge on the independence or the mandates

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of the international financial institutions and other multilateral forums. The value of these bodies to the global economy lies in their technical expertise and relative freedom from political pressure.

Accordingly, the United States cannot support calls in the development strategy or in United Nations forums for specific action by the Paris Club or creditor Governments, or for debt relief by international financial institutions.

It must be recalled that the United States objected to parts of the external debt section of the Programme of Action of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, and made a specific reservation on the issue of debt relief by multilateral financial institutions. Therefore, we must reserve our position on paragraph 29 of the International Development Strategy.

Finally, and in keeping with our position about the appropriate forums for treatment of such issues, the United States does not support the establishment of more than an external-debt monitoring role for the Secretary-General.

With respect to the important question of the environment, the United States reiterates its intention to continue to play a major role in addressing shared international environmental problems. The International Development Strategy offered an opportunity to further the integration of developmental and environmental concerns; we believe that this opportunity was, unfortunately, missed. In our view, the development strategy lacks balance on this subject in tenor and in language. The United States believes that all countries share responsibility for the protection and management of our global environment, and that we must work together to develop common solutions. The language in the International Development Strategy, which places blame for all pollution at the feet of developed countries, diverts attention from the fact that there are

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actions, and, in many cases, cost-saving actions, that all countries, developing and developed alike, must take to control pollution and protect the environment.

The United States believes that, while economic growth and development are factors in protecting the environment, such economic growth and development cannot be sustained without a healthy environment. Economic development and environmental protection go hand in hand.

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Global stewardship requires commitments; such commitments require financial and technical assistance. However, the United States does not agree that financial resources additional to overall development assistance levels will have to be provided. We recognize the urgent need to direct a greater proportion of financial resources to developing countries to assist them in protecting the environment; such financial resources would be newly available for environmentally sound projects. We have often stated that funds currently going to unsustainable development programmes could be reprogrammed. In addition, existing international assistance institutions, as well as commercial sources of financing, must reassess their programmes and redirect funding for these purposes. To that end, the United States has endorsed the establishment of the Global Environmental Facility in the World Bank. My delegation believes that this Facility offers the best opportunity for ensuring that both environmental and development objectives are met. The United States believes that future financial requirements for environmental programmes must be considered on a case-by-case basis, including an assessment of the needs associated with the obligations undertaken.

Mr. President, I thank you for giving me the time to discuss these matters in some detail. It is true that the International Development Strategy is a complicated document and we are here to adopt it formally. However, international and national economic growth and development is a process, not a single document or a set of documents. That process involves ideas and real-life experience. We must continue to review our ideas and programmes in the light of that experience as we refine our programmes - both national and international - so that success will be the hallmark of our future activities. Our deliberations at the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly have been part of that process, and my delegation looks forward to participation in future forums and future deliberations on this subject so important to us all.

Mr. MALONE (Canada): My delegation is pleased to have been able to join the consensus on the International Development Strategy. Despite reservations on some aspects of the document, we believe that, on the whole, it usefully draws attention to the priority preoccupations for development co-operation in the 1990s. We welcome especially its references to the need for an enabling environment for development, including respect for human rights and wide popular participation in the development process, and to the importance it attaches to social as well as economic factors.

In terms of reservations, may I say that we had hoped that the International Development Strategy could put into sharper focus the national policy measures needed to enhance development prospects. This would have improved the balance between the relative responsibilities of national authorities and those of the international community. The latter can only play the role of supporting national efforts.

On specific issues, we query the emphasis attached to strengthening the workings of the Generalized System of Preferences, because of the inconsistent way in which this is applied and the greater relevance of the most-favoured-nation principle. We recognize the need for differential treatment for developing countries in relation to trade liberalization, but emphasize the need for developing countries, over time, to assume their responsibilities in the world trading system.

With respect to commodities, my delegation is sceptical about the value of market intervention through commodity agreements and the first window of the Common Fund. Adaptation to long-term market trends is essential.

Finally, I would add that the discussion of the environmental issues in the International Development Strategy does not do justice to the consensus emerging internationally on measures and international co-operation in this vital field.

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I should now like to turn to agenda item 79 (b) and address briefly the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade. Canada has participated in the consensus decision of the General Assembly. It has done so because it recognizes that Member States wish the United Nations to take note of developments unfolding in another international forum concerning the strengthening of international organizations dealing with the international economic and trading system. In the context of the global trade system we welcome this interest because we think of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the formation of a world trade organization as important objectives if the multilateral basis of a liberalized trade system is to be preserved and enhanced.

Canada believes, however, that beyond taking note of the activities of other international forums the General Assembly should not seek to involve itself in those activities which do not require its direction and guidance. This is the case with respect to negotiations on reform of the GATT system. For this reason, we view as unproductive the time which the General Assembly and its Second Committee are being asked to spend on matters dealt with in resolution II.

Canada strongly supports the need to strengthen the open multilateral trading system, and to that end Canada last April proposed within the Uruguay Round a strategy for the creation of a world trade organization. Canada's proposal was based on the expectation that the outcome of the Uruguay Round would be substantial and would expand the scope and depth of the GATT system in all the key areas. We have yet to see whether such a positive result will be achieved. If it is, it is Canada's expectation that all negotiations on, and decisions concerning, the establishment of a world trade organization would take place and be made in the context of the Uruguay Round and its follow-up, and not in the General Assembly or any of its subsidiary bodies or organs.

Mr. TANLAY (Turkey) (interpretation from French): My delegation explained its position in the Second Committee on 11 December 1990 after the adoption of the draft resolution entitled "Large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas", which refers, in its third preambular paragraph, to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and in operative paragraph 1, to the Secretary-General's report (A/45/663).

My delegation's participation in the consensus on this draft resolution, which we have just adopted, does not in any way modify its position concerning the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Our position having been explained in several places, I shall limit myself here to referring to the last statement made by my delegation in the General Assembly on 14 December of this year. That statement will be found in the record of the 68th meeting of the General Assembly.

Mr. ORTIZ GANDARILLAS (Bolivia) (interpretation from Spanish): I had in fact asked to speak on another item, but I should like to take this opportunity to refer to the important resolution by which the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (1991-2000) has been adopted. This is a document of fundamental importance, which has set guidelines to ensure that international co-operation may once and for all be directed towards the economic and social development of all countries of the third world. We believe that it is a well-structured programme and we call on the international community to ensure the proper implementation of the programmes, policies and commitments provided for in the strategy.

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I should like on this occasion also to thank Mr. Gamani Corea for his untiring efforts in preparing this document, and at the same time to express my delegation's gratitude to all delegations for having made it possible for the resolution to be adopted by consensus.

Mr. MISSARY (Yemen) (interpretation from Arabic): As I said at the meeting of the Second Committee at which the draft resolution on Yemen was adopted, the Permanent Representative of Yemen would have liked to participate in that meeting in order to thank the members of the Committee. However, he was unable to do so because he was in a Security Council meeting. He has therefore asked me to extend his thanks to the members of the Second Committee and the General Assembly for all the efforts they exerted. I should personally like to thank the international community for the solidarity it has shown with regard to the draft resolution on the reunification of Yemen.

The Republic of Yemen, which was created on 21 May this year, is the fruit of the fusion of two least developed countries that have had enormous economic and financial difficulties ever since their independence. This year, since Yemen has become one country it has encountered enormous difficulties arousing out of the merger of the two régimes. Draft resolution II in document A/45/856 was adopted by consensus. It represents the international community's support for the efforts of the Republic of Yemen to overcome those difficulties.

Everybody knows that my country has suffered greatly as a result of the Gulf crisis. That crisis has created enormous problems for Yemen. My country has also been the victim of four earthquakes and many floods, which have resulted in an enormous number of casualties and have impeded my country's well-being.

We take this opportunity to extend our appreciation and gratitude to all those who have supported this draft resolution. We hope that all States and all international organizations will do their best to implement this draft resolution.

Once again I extend our appreciation and thanks to all those who supported this draft resolution, especially the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the Group itself, which co-sponsored this text.

The PRESIDENT: We turn now to part III of the report of the Second Committee (A/45/849/Add.2) on sub-item (a) of agenda item 79, entitled "International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (1991-2000)".

The Assembly will proceed to take action on the draft resolution and the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraphs 6 and 7, respectively, of its report.

We turn first to the draft resolution in paragraph 6 of the report of the Second Committee. This draft resolution, entitled "International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 45/199).

The PRESIDENT: We turn now to the draft decision contained in paragraph 7 of the report of the Second Committee. The draft decision is entitled "Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade". The Second Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt this draft decision. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do so?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 79.

We turn now to part IV of the report of the Second Committee (A/45/849/Add.3), on sub-item (b) of agenda item 79, entitled "Trade and development".

The Assembly will take action on the six draft resolutions and the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraphs 27 and 28, respectively, of its report.

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The Assembly will turn first to the six draft resolutions contained in paragraph 27 of part IV of the report (A/45/849/Add.3).

Draft resolution I, entitled "Commodities", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 45/200).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade". It was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 45/201).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III is entitled "Specific measures in favour of island developing countries". It was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 45/202).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IV, entitled "Trade and Development Board", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to adopt it?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 45/203).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution V, entitled "International code of conduct on the transfer of technology", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 45/204).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VI, entitled "Eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development", was adopted by the

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Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 45/205).

The PRESIDENT: We shall now turn to the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 28 of its report (A/45/849/Add.3). The draft decision is entitled "Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the international code of conduct on the transfer of technology". The Second Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt the draft decision. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do so?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 79.

We now turn to Part V of the report of the Second Committee (A/45/849/Add.4), on sub-item (c) of agenda item 79, entitled "Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries".

The Assembly will proceed to take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/45/872.

The draft resolution, entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 45/206).

The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of Bolivia, who wishes to speak in explanation of his position.

Mr. ORTIZ GANDARILLAS (Bolivia) (interpretation from Spanish): The resolution that has just been adopted has great and far-reaching implications for the least developed countries among the developing countries as well as for international co-operation to secure their growth and development. The process begun here by the General Assembly three years ago, when it announced the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries has now culminated in the adoption of this resolution entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s". In endorsing the Programme of Action, the General Assembly has indicated its approval of that tremendously important document. At the same time, it has pointed to outstanding examples of international co-operation in implementing the Programme.

The Group of 77 attaches great importance to the Programme of Action and its implementation. The Assembly's adoption of the resolution by consensus today demonstrates the firm and common position of the international community in favour of the full and prompt implementation of the Programme of Action. I should like to thank all the delegations that participated in the negotiations for the flexibility and constructive approach they demonstrated. I should also like to thank the delegation of Bangladesh, which co-ordinated the work underlying the resolution.

In the resolution all donor countries are strongly urged to implement fully and expeditiously their commitments in all areas so as to provide adequate external support to the least developed countries. That, of course, is of tremendous importance in ensuring that the efforts of the least developed countries are successful, and in order to achieve that success they must have full support in their development efforts.

We are convinced that the assistance programmes and commitments set forth in the Programme of Action will be fully implemented and met and that appropriate global measures will be taken in the area of external debt and trade. The

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resolution provides for the setting up of institutional arrangements for monitoring and evaluating the Programme of Action. In operative paragraph 9 it is decided that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as part of its ongoing work shall continue to serve as the focal point for the review and appraisal of the Programme and its follow-up and continue to provide support at the national and regional levels. However, it is somewhat disheartening to see the scanty resources allocated to that purpose.

In any event, given the fact that the first global review meeting is scheduled for March 1991, that is, in a few months, there is time for the Programme of Action to be started up without delay. The sums indicated should be accepted with some reservations. We do, however, invite the General Assembly to keep under review the question of providing additional resources to the New Programmme of Action and to the regional commissions.

When we speak of developing countries and least developed countries we cannot forget the work done by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Under the able leadership of Mr. Kenneth Dadzie, UNCTAD has played a key role in this area. Its special role in assisting the least developed countries will be of great importance in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the 1990s. In that connection, and in the light of the decision we have taken today to strengthen the new Programme of Action for the least developed countries, we invite the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consider the possibility of providing the services specified in this respect as a separate, independent unit of the Secretariat. That has been the position of our Group since the Ministerial Meeting in Arusha in 1979. We urge that a decision in this respect be taken as soon as possible.

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 79.

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The representative of Italy has asked to speak on a point of order, and I now call upon him.

Mr. FONDI (Italy): On behalf of the European Community and its member States, I would like to make a general remark with regard to the resolutions we have adopted and the draft resolutions we are about to adopt. I should like to point out that the documents in languages other than English were received very late. Therefore, we are reserving the right to draw the Rapporteur's attention to any possible drafting errors in the French version of the documents.

The PRESIDENT: We now turn to part VI of the report of the Second Committee (A/45/849/Add.5), on sub-item (d) of agenda item 79, entitled "Food problems".

The Assembly will take action on the draft resolution and the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraphs 12 and 13, respectively, of its report.

We shall turn first to the draft resolution contained in paragraph 12 of the report. The draft resolution, entitled "Food and agricultural problems", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 45/207).

The PRESIDENT: We turn now to the draft decision contained in paragraph 13 of the report of the Second Committee. The draft decision, entitled "Strengthening technical co-operation among developing countries in food and agriculture", was also adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to do so?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 79.

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We now turn to part VII of the report of the Second Committee (A/45/849/Add.6), on sub-item (e) of agenda item 79, entitled "New and renewable sources of energy".

We shall now proceed to take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/45/873.

The draft resolution, entitled "Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 45/208).

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 79.

We now turn to Part VIII of the report of the Second Committee (A/45/849/Add.7), on sub-item (f) of agenda item 79, entitled "Development of the energy resources of developing countries".

The Assembly will proceed to take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. The draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 45/209).

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 79, and of agenda item 79 as a whole.

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We now turn to the report of the Second Committee (A/45/850) on agenda item 80, entitled "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development".

The Assembly will proceed to take decisions on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report.

Draft resolution I, entitled "Environment and international trade", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 45/210).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II, entitled "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development", was also adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 45/211).

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 80.

We shall now consider the report of the Second Committee (A/45/851) on agenda item 81, entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind".

The Assembly will take action on the draft resolution and the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraphs 13 and 14, respectively, of its report.

We shall turn first to the draft resolution contained in paragraph 13 of the report of the Second Committee. The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/45/874.

The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution, entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind", without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 45/212).

The PRESIDENT: We now turn to the draft decision contained in paragraph 14 of the report of the Second Committee. The draft decision is entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of resolution 44/207 on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind". The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it adopt the draft decision. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do so?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 81.

I now invite the Assembly to turn its attention to the report of the Second Committee (A/45/852) on agenda item 82, entitled "International co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries".

The Assembly will take action on the draft resolution and draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraphs 10 and 11, respectively, of its report.

We turn first to the draft resolution contained in paragraph 10 of the report of the Second Committee. The draft resolution, entitled "International co-operation for the eradication of poverty in the developing countries", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 45/213).

The PRESIDENT: We turn now to the draft decision contained in paragraph 11 of the report of the Second Committee. The draft decision is entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries". The Second Committee recommends that the

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General Assembly adopt the draft decision. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do so?

The draft decision was adopted.

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I now invite the Assembly to turn its attention to the report of the Second Committee (A/45/853) on agenda item 83, entitled "External debt crisis and development".

The Assembly will take action on the draft resolution and the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraphs 16 and 17, respectively, of its report.

We turn first to the draft resolution contained in paragraph 16 of the report of the Second Committee. The draft resolution, entitled "International debt crisis and development: enhanced international co-operation towards a durable solution to the external debt problems of developing countries", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 45/214).

The PRESIDENT: We turn now to the draft decision contained in paragraph 17 of the report of the Second Committee. The draft decision is entitled "Establishment of an advisory commission on debt and development". The Second Committee recommends the adoption of the draft decision. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of Bolivia, who wishes to speak in explanation of his position.

Mr. ORTIZ GANDARILLAS (Bolivia) (interpretation from Spanish): The adoption by consensus of the draft resolution on the external debt can rightly be described as one of the most important achievements of the forty-fifth session. The Group of 77 is very pleased that after three years of division the international community has collectively drawn up a resolution designed to achieve a lasting solution to one of the most serious impediments to the growth and development of the developing countries.

The resolution we have just adopted is the fruit of lengthy negotiations marked by mutual understanding, constructive co-operation and a profound awareness of its importance to the international community and especially to the developing countries. Its adoption by consensus has helped to maintain and consolidate the achievements of the eighteenth special session, held earlier this year, achievements embodied in the Declaration adopted at that session and in the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. We sincerely hope that the prompt implementation of the various provisions of the resolution may markedly improve the prospects for a lasting solution to this thorny problem.

I wish to express the Group of 77's gratitude to all those delegations that took part in the negotiations and made it possible to achieve a consensus text for the resolution. In our view, all the delegations that participated in the negotiations can be proud that their tireless efforts have been crowned with success by the resolution's unanimous adoption.

Our thanks also go to Ambassador Shaukat Umer of Pakistan, who co-ordinated work on the resolution.

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The Assembly will now consider the report of the Second Committee (A/45/854) on agenda item 84, entitled "Operational activities for development".

The Assembly will now take action on the four draft resolutions and the two draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraphs 27 and 28, respectively, of its report.

The Assembly will first take decisions on the four draft resolutions contained in paragraph 27 of the report of the Second Committee.

Draft resolution I, which is entitled "United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 45/215).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Population and development". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 45/216).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III is entitled "World Summit for Children". The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 45/217).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Governance of the World Food Programme". The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution. May I consider that the General Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 45/218).

The PRESIDENT: We shall now take action on the two draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 28 of its report (A/45/854).

Draft decision I is entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system". The Second Committee adopted this draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: Draft decision II is entitled "Documents relating to operational activities for development". The Second Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt this draft decision. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do so?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 84.

I now invite the Assembly to turn its attention to the report of the Second Committee (A/45/855) on agenda item 85, entitled "Training and research".

The Assembly will take decisions on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of that report.

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Draft resolution I, entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to adopt the draft resolution?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 45/219).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II, entitled "United Nations University", was also adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. Please note these corrections: The seventh preambular paragraph should read as follows: "Taking note of decision 4.2.2 of the United Nations University". Operative paragraph 8 should read as follows:

"Requests the University to continue to foster its substantive collaboration with the United Nations and its system of organizations, in particular with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in areas of global concern".

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt draft resolution II as orally corrected?

Draft resolution II, as orally corrected, was adopted (resolution 45/220).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 85.

The General Assembly will now consider agenda item 86, entitled "Special economic and disaster relief assistance". In this connection the Assembly has before it the report of the Second Committee (A/45/856), in paragraph 75 of which the Second Committee recommends 12 draft resolutions for adoption. The Assembly also has before it draft resolution A/45/L.44.

The Assembly will now proceed to take action on the 12 draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 75 of its report (A/45/856).

Draft resolution I, entitled "Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator", was adopted by the Second Committee without

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a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly too wishes to adopt draft resolution I?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 45/221).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Yemen". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 45/222).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III is entitled "Special economic assistance to Chad". The Second Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 45/223).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Special assistance to the front-line States". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 45/224).

The PRESIDENT: We turn now to draft resolution V, entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon". The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 45/225).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VI is entitled "Operation Lifeline Sudan". The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 45/226).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VII is entitled "Assistance to Mozambique". The Second Committee adopted draft resolution VII without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VII was adopted (resolution 45/227).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VIII is entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti". The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft resolution VIII was adopted (resolution 45/228).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IX is entitled "Emergency assistance to Somalia". It was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft resolution IX?

Draft resolution IX was adopted (resolution 45/229).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution X is entitled "Assistance to Benin, the Central African Republic, Ecuador, Madagascar and Vanuatu". The draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly also wishes to adopt it?

Draft resolution X was adopted (resolution 45/230).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution XI is entitled "Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America". The draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution XI was adopted (resolution 45/231).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution XII is entitled "Emergency assistance for Liberia". The draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft resolution XII was adopted (resolution 45/232).

The PRESIDENT: We turn now to the draft resolution contained in document A/45/L.44. I call on the representative of Chile, who wishes to introduce it.

Mr. SOMAVIA (Chile) (interpretation from Spanish): It is my honour, on behalf of the delegations of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela, to introduce draft resolution A/45/L.44, entitled "Special emergency assistance to Haiti".

The background of this draft resolution is clear. The Assembly wishes to support the process of ensuring grass-roots participation in the expression of the will of the people in Haiti. We are aware of the enormous problems confronting that country and of Haiti's great need for technical and other forms of assistance to help it overcome its social and economic problems.

The draft resolution contains an appeal to Member States, international financial institutions, the specialized agencies, and organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to respond generously and urgently to the needs of Haiti in overcoming its severe economic and social problems. It expresses the Assembly's determination to assist Haiti in overcoming its severe economic and social problems.

In order to make the provisions of paragraph 3 more flexible, the beginning of that paragraph should now read as follows:

"Decides to reconvene at an appropriate date early in 1991, in consultation with the Government of Haiti ...".

That will enable the Assembly to consult with the new Haitian authorities on their view of the situation.

I believe this text will pose no problems for any delegation, and we hope it will be adopted by consensus.

The PRESIDENT: At the request of some delegations, we shall defer consideration of draft resolution A/45/L.44 until this afternoon's meeting. That will give those delegations some time for consultations.

I now invite the Assembly to turn its attention to the report of the Second Committee (A/45/857) on agenda item 87, entitled "International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report. The draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 45/233).

The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of the United States of America, who wishes to explain his position.

Mr. MARKS (United States of America): The United States joined the consensus on the resolution calling for international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola.

Although the United States Government has not yet recognized the Government of Angola, we continue to be engaged in the peace process that is under way there, and we remain concerned about the welfare of the Angolan people. Therefore we continue to support efforts to alleviate human suffering resulting from civil strife and drought.

The United States has responded to the United Nations Special Relief Programme for Angola with donations, in progress or planned, totaling some $27 million for the fiscal years 1990 and 1991. We urge others to contribute generously to this humanitarian effort.

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of agenda item 87.

I now invite the Assembly to turn its attention to the report of the Second Committee (A/45/858) on agenda item 148, entitled "Implementation of the commitments and policies for international development co-operation agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. The draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 45/234).

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of agenda item 148.

The meeting rose at 11.55 a.m.